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^Journalists March in Venezuela Demanding Rights Be Restored<

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) - Journalists marched through downtown Caracas Tuesday shouting, "Democracy with censorship is dictatorship!" and demanding immediate reinstatement of constitutional freedoms.

The demonstration came 24 hours after President Carlos Andres Perez canceled government censorship imposed after a failed coup attempt last week by mutinous soldiers. However, a suspension of constitutional guarantees remains in effect.

The government reserved the right to censor publications, search private homes and make discretionary arrests.

Newspapers circulated freely for the first time in four days Tuesday, returning to newsstands with articles criticizing the government.

Shortly after the failed coup, intelligence police raided most major newspapers and magazines, censoring out all criticism of the government and banning circulation of several publications.

On Tuesday, more than 100 reporters marched to Congress, where lawmakers agreed to their demand for congressional debate on the issue of press liberty.

The independent newspaper El Nacional, whose presses had been silenced, ran statements Tuesday from press associations, the Roman Catholic Church and the political opposition denouncing the government for abusing power after the Feb. 4 coup attempt, which left about 80 people dead and 1,130 soldiers arrested.

Nearly everyone interviewed on the streets of Caracas expressed negative opinions about Perez and his free-market reform program. The leader of the failed coup, Lt. Col. Hugo Chavez, appeared to be shaping up as a popular hero following his arrest last week.

"I support democracy. But almost everyone I know thinks Chavez could have saved this country," said Rebeca Leon, a Caracas law student.

Perez narrowly escaped with his life when rebel soldiers attacked the presidential palace and tried to take power.

Coup leaders blamed the government of this oil-rich nation of 20 million people for major economic woes and alleged corruption reaching to the top. Perez denied the allegations.

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The president announced a reorganization of the army's high command late Monday, saying the general staff, combat units and other operational units would be affected. Perez said this was intended to neutralize ``negative influences'' within units once commanded by jailed military leaders.

Officials estimate up to 15,000 of Venezuela's 70,000 soldiers may have been involved in last week's attempt.

Editors who met with Perez on Monday said he agreed to withdraw the censors in return for news media leaders promising not to contribute to public unrest.

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